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LB 243

SENATOR CUDABACK PRESIDING

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Mr. Clerk, I would withdraw that amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: It is withdrawn. Senator Erdman.

CLERK: Senator, we need to readvance the bill to discuss the next amendment.

SENATOR ERDMAN: Mr. President, I move the readvancement of LB 243.

SENATOR CUDABACK: The motion is to readvance to E & R for engrossing. All in favor say aye. Opposed nay. It is readvanced.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Schrock would move to return the bill for purposes of an amendment, specifically AM1348. (Legislative Journal page 1660.)

SENATOR CUDABACK: Senator Schrock, (inaudible) open on your motion.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, AM1348 is in response to concerns raised by some senators. The amendment strikes the word "marginal cost" from LB 243 and, to bring you up to date on that, this...the bill contains a provision in it now that the electric companies, the public power districts can charge a different rate for a five-year period for economic development purposes to try and attract companies to come in Nebraska because of our competitive rates for electricity. It allows them to charge a rate differently for five years. And the language in L...in the amendment, AM1348, states that "in no case shall such rates, tolls, rents, and charges be less than the cost of supplying such services." The term "marginal cost" was hard to define. This new language makes it clear that utilities using incentive rates could not offer an incentive less than the cost of supplying such